

Idaho Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Board Meeting

Tuesday – April 26, 2005
Shilo Inn Suites Hotel – Idaho Falls, Idaho

The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Minegar called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

PRESENT

Board members present included Pat Minegar, Russ Firkins, Carol Alexander, Jim Bledsoe, Steve Brown, Steve Keys, and Mike Wisdom. Present from the Division of Building Safety were Dave Munroe, Administrator; Ted Hogander, HVAC/Plumbing Bureau Chief; Russ Owen, HVAC Program Supervisor; Melinda Doan; and Linda Hyde, Administrative Assistant and recording secretary.

Also present were Bob Corbell, HVAC, IMC, and IEC; David Cummings, SMWIA Local 60; Rod D. Swofford, SMWIA Local 60, Brad Poulsen, Anderson's Inc.; Andrea Mihm, Sullivan & Reberger NWHPBA; Jack Goldman, National Fireplace Institute; Dan Brizee, NWHPBA; Clay Barney, NWHPBA; Cindy McCuistica, Alpine Propane; Chris Critser HVAC Bureau Inspector; Steve Pinthen, Steve Pinthen Builder; Jim Joy, NWHPBA; Gary Smith, NWHPBA; Doug Hatch, ICC; Anthony P. Worman, Sheet Metal Workers; Mike Norman, Sheet Metal Workers; Vern Swartz, Economy Heating & Refrig.; Brent Moore SWM #60; Mike Hoover, UA 648; Don Eshelby; Warren Wyatt, R & W Heating; Ted Sermon, Sermon Service & Electric; Phil Petersen, SMACHA; Rocky Rushton, HVAC Bureau Inspector; Rod D. Swofford, Sheet metal; Bruce Graham, Quality HVAC; Sophia Fleming, Keto Heating; Donna Andersen, Ferguson Ent.; Adrian Fannin, FM and Apprenticeship Council; Doyle Roberts, Nu Mechanical; Jim Veater, HVAC Bureau Inspector; Russel Goyen, City of Idaho Falls; Bruce Patterson, City of Ammon; Jerry Peterson, Idaho Building Trades; John Huskinson, V-1 Propane I.F.; Alan Johnson, A & H Supply, Inc.; Mike Breed, Pipefitters JATC; Rod Clay, Pipefitters JATC; Bob Livesay, Crown Plumbing, Ed Castro Best Technologies, and Bonnie I. Chaffin Best Technologies (Presentation)

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Minegar welcomed everyone in the room. Guests were asked to speak clearly for the record. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and stated their affiliation.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2005

Chairman Minegar requested a motion to accept the minutes of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Board Meeting of January 25, 2005. Mr. Jim Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Steve Keys Seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

EDUCATION:
PROPOSED
APPRENTICESHIP
PROGRAM
CURRICULUM

Ms. Sophia Fleming from Keto Heating and Cooling presented to the Board and audience a hand-out titled, **“PROPOSED HVAC APPRENTICESHIP OUTLINE”**. Sophia’s committee has tried to put together a curriculum that would fit into the (2) year program and into the (4) year program so that a student, an apprentice, who goes to the first (2) years can have these (2) years count toward the (4) year program. All facilities seeking approval for their programs will go through the Division of Professional Technical Training.

A long discussion ensued involving the Sheet Metal workers, the Hearth Specialty trade, the Contractor’s who do Federal jobs, and the BAT program. ICC testing and NFI testing were discussed. Chairman Minegar then stated that the Board will recognize all the various education processes that are in place and that someone from the Hearth Specialty group should meet with Sophia’s group. Mr. Steve Keys added that he wants the HVAC Board to maintain approval of the curriculum.

ISSUES INVOLVING
LPG GAS PIPING
FROM TANKS TO
STRUCTURES

Russ Owen had questions as to whether or not a permit and inspection would be required for small propane tanks. A discussion ensued about short connections, how much length, how many fittings before a permit would be required. Chairman Minegar then stated that he wanted to move this conversation to a Board Chair Meeting. This is a situation that is very similar with what Electrical is facing.

MEMO OF
UNDERSTANDING

Chairman Minegar then brought up the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Plumbers not needing an HVAC license to install gas piping or hydronics. All three Boards are working together on this. They don’t want to require a Plumber to have an HVAC license to do gas piping or hydronics.

ENFORCEMENT OF
ELECTRIC SPACE
HEATERS/
CLARIFICATION OF
54-5002
EXCEPTIONS

Russ Owen stated there has been a lot of confusion with the Electrical Contractor’s calling our office asking if they had to have an HVAC license to continue to install in-wall and baseboard heaters. HVAC Contractor’s don’t install them. We just need to clarify that the Electrician’s can still keep installing them under our state Electrical permits. Exhaust fans in the bathrooms pose the same problem. Electrician’s have been putting the exhaust fans in residential structures and piping a four inch line out the wall. These guys need to be able to put a 4 inch vent in themselves, and not have to penalize the homeowner by forcing them to buy another permit (HVAC). This is strictly the exhaust fans and the crossover between the heating contractor and the electrical contractor. Mr. Steve Keys has encouraged people when they call to use the HVAC contractor who may already be on the job.

CHANGE IN
LOCATION OF THE
HVAC OCTOBER 25,
2005 MEETING

Chairman Minegar requested a Motion to change the location of the October 25, 2005 HVAC Board Meeting from Post Falls, ID to Lewiston, ID (subject to availability of rooms), Mr. Steve Keys Seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

SPACE HEATERS

Russ Owen needed clarification about hospitals and large companies who call and ask if their guys have to be Journeyman. In the statutes under exemptions, number four states, “...by an employer who regularly employs maintenance or construction HVAC Journeyman ...” Because of this wording, there have been a number of people applying for licenses that really don’t need them. Russ suggested the word should have been HVAC Technicians or something similar. Mr. Steve Keys opinion was that this is another item for the Board Chairs to discuss.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

Russ Owen clarified that anyone who holds a Contractor's license also needs to be a Journeyman if they are working in the field. Chairman Minegar agreed, saying that anybody working in the field still needs to be a Journeyman.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Informational only, no discussion.

EDUCATION

Sophia came back from the informal sit-down with the Hearth, and Sheet Metal people, and all other interested persons. There was a short discussion about the results of their meeting.

EDUCATION/FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM

Chairman Minegar asked for a motion to approve the first year of the curriculum outline as it stands. Mr. Steve Keys motioned to approve the first year in *Principle*, but he wanted to study if further. Mr. Steve Brown Seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

BOILER CLARIFICATION/ INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Jerry Peterson wanted to know the procedure for boiler installation. Do Journeyman pipefitters have to get Journeyman HVAC licenses to continue to do that work? Chairman Minegar stated that under this Memo of Understanding with the State Plumbing Board, Electrical Board, and the HVAC Board, Boilers will fall under the wet side of our heating system and Plumbing Contractor's or Boiler Contractor's can install those under their existing license, and will not be required to have an HVAC license.

HVAC APPLICATIONS

It was agreed by the Board that any accepted applications received for the Grandfather phase, which have not had the payment for the license sent in by April 1, 2006 will become void.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Chairman Minegar read the MOU out loud...Mr. Steve Keys made a motion that the Board endorse the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Seconded by Ms. Carol Alexander. Opposed by Mr. Russ Firkins.

OTHER BUSINESS

The state HVAC Association asked the state HVAC Board to make recommendations to require the Building Bureau to require R8 duct insulation across the board with 3/8 inch ArmorFlex.

Mr. Jim Bledsoe made a Motion to Recommend that the HVAC Board ask the Building Bureau to look at the ArmorFlex situation along with the R8 duct insulation. Mr. Steve Keys Seconded. None opposed.

FLAT RATE FOR PERMITTING

Mr. Dave Munroe advised the Board that the Division of Building Safety is looking at a proposed flat rate for permitting in HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing. For a NEW structure: 1-1,000 sq. ft is proposed at \$100.00, 1,001 to 2,000 sq. ft. is \$125.00 etc. We'll keep everyone informed as to the progress of this idea.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

DAVE MUNROE
SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD